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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, EIND, KU

SUBJ: KUWAIT INVESTOR INTEREST IN PLYWOOD PLANT

REF: USDOC 11137

1. EMBOFF HAS CONTACTED LOCAL INDUSTRIAL CONSULTING FIRM WHO INFORMED US THAT NEW, PUBLIC SHAREHOLDING COMPANY IS NOW BEING FORMED. PROJECT UNDER FINAL REVIEW BY GOK COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, AND HAS ALREADY BEEN LICENSED BY MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. COMPANY INTENDS TO SET UP INTEGRATED OPERATION, PRODUCING CHIPBOARD AND PARTICLE BOARD, AS WELL AS PLYWOOD, TO SERVE KUWAIT'S EXPANDING

NEED FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL. CAPACITY AND ESTIMATED COUNT FIGURES ARE UNAVAILABLE.

2. CONSULTING FIRM, TALAL ABU GHAZALEH ASSOC. (TAGA) REPRESENTS KUWAITI INVESTORS. FIRM'S MAIN ACTIVITY IS ACCOUNTING (FIRM IS LOCAL PARTNER OF PRICE WATERHOUSE), BUT ALSO ACTS AS "MIDDLEMAN" IN HELPING LOCAL INVESTORS FIND AND NEGOTIATE WITH FOREIGN JOINT VENTURE PARTNERS. INVESTORS HAVE RECEIVED TECHNICAL OR JOINT VENTURE PROPOSALS FROM GERMAN AND FINNISH FIRMS, BUT, ACCORDING TO TAGA REP, WOULD CONSIDER PROPOSALS FROM AMERICAN FIRMS AS WELL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMERCE/CAGNE SHOULD PASS ON ABOVE INFORMATION TO U.S. DESIGN FIRM (REF). U.S. FIRMS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING FURTHER INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT CONSULTING FIRM AT FOLLOWING ADDRESS: TALAL ABU GHAZALEH ASSOC., P.O. BOX  
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DR. NABIL S. FAOUR, VICE-CHAIRMAN.  
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